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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 14, 2013

Steve & Lisa Visintainer
2003 33rd Ave S
Seattle WA 98144-4914

Re: Determination of Water Budget Neutrality for Request No. G4-35622

Dear Steve & Lisa Visintainer:

Thank you for submitting a Request for Determination of Water Budget Neutrality, which was received by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) office on May 16, 2013.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-539A, Ecology has determined your proposed appropriation of groundwater, as mitigated by the trust water right identified in your request, will be water budget neutral with respect to Total Water Supply available at Parker.

The information in the table below was based on the documents you provided.

Proposed Uses and Mitigation Offered

Use	Proposed Total Annual Quantity (ac-ft/yr*)	Proposed Mitigation (ac-ft/yr*)
Indoor	0.392	0.118
Outdoor	0.022	0.019
Total	0.414	0.137

*ac-ft/yr = acre-feet per year (1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons)

Consumptive use, totaling 0.137 ac-ft/yr, is proposed to be offset with Trust Water Right No. CS4-01467@11sb3a(A). The total consumptive use does not exceed the amount of water available under the subject trust water right during the irrigation season nor does it exceed the availability of unused storage capacity to retain the subject portion of the trust water right for later release during the non-irrigation season. Please refer to the enclosed Advisory Letter for additional information on consumptive use.

Ecology has determined, based on review of your Request for Water Budget Neutral Determination and the accompanying materials, your proposed use of groundwater will be Water Budget Neutral as follows:

1. Water use is to be made within Parcel No. 105535, located within NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T. 20 N., R. 17 E.W.M.
2. In-home water use is 1 connection(s), resulting in a consumptive use of 0.118 ac-ft/yr.
3. Outdoor irrigation use is 0.011 acres, resulting in a consumptive use of 0.019 ac-ft/yr.

4. The proposed well(s) will be located in No. 105535, located within NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T. 20 N., R. 17 E.W.M.
5. Water use shall be recorded and reported as required under WAC 173-539A-070 and as described in the Advisory Letter enclosure.
6. You will record with the Kittitas County Auditor a property covenant as required under WAC 173-539A-050 that restricts or prohibits trees or shrubs over a septic drain field on Parcel No. 105535.
7. You will record with the Kittitas County Auditor an appropriate conveyance instrument under which the applicant obtains an interest in Trust Water Right No. CS4-01467@11sb3a(A) to offset consumptive use as described in this letter.
8. You will pay to Ecology the sum of \$51.48 which represents a proportionate amount of the payment due and owing to the United States for storage and delivery of water under Paragraph 15(a) of Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, Yakima Project, Washington, dated January 29, 2009¹. The consumptive use of 0.065 acre-feet from September 16 through March 31 is subject to the terms and conditions in the Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700.
9. Any valid priority calls against Trust Water Right No. CS4-01467@11sb3a(A), based on local limitations in water availability, will result in temporary curtailment of the use of water until the priority call for water ends.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this Decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

¹ Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700 between the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Washington Department of Ecology.
The website is located: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cro/images/pdfs/exchangecontract_012909.pdf

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW, Suite 301 Tumwater WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia WA 98504-0903

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <http://www.eho.wa.gov>
To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser>

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Mitchell at (509) 575-2597.

Sincerely,



Mark Kemner, LHG, Section Manager
Water Resources Program/CRO

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Enclosures: Your Right To Be Heard
Advisory Letter
Water Measuring Requirements & Form 1

By Certified Mail: 7010 0290 0000 7131 3495

cc: Jason McCormick, Washington Water Trust
Erin Moore, Kittitas County Public Health Department (email pdf)
Kathleen Masterson, Master Ranch Water Bank (email pdf)
Philip Rigdon, Director, Natural Resources Division, Yakama Nation
William Ferry, USBR, Columbia-Cascades Area Office

Washington Water Trust – Masterson Exchange Contract Assignment

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The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has determined the use of groundwater described below will be water budget neutral with respect to Total Water Supply Available (TWSA). The reach of the Yakima River affected by the groundwater appropriation can be mitigated by release of stored water from a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) storage facility upstream from the affected reach. Supplemental consultation under Endangered Species Act (ESA) is, therefore, not required pursuant to Article 18.b of the contract.

1. The groundwater use that will be offset by the trust water right is for domestic supply and 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation. The use of water will be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T. 20 N., R. 17 E.W.M. (Parcel No. 105535). The consumptive water use will be 0.072 acre-feet (ac-ft) from April 1 through September 15, and 0.065 ac-ft from September 16 through March 31.
2. The trust water right (No. CS4-01467@11sb3a(A)) was placed into the Trust Water Right Program by the Estate of Harry Masterson.
3. The Trust Water Agreement between Ecology and Estate of Harry Masterson can be found at the following website:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cro/mrwb.html>
4. Ecology assigns 0.065 ac-ft of Trust Water Right Certificate to the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract (Contract No. 09XX101700). The term of the assignment is from August 12, 2013 to January 29, 2049.
5. The total payment for 36 years, based on the rate of \$22/ac-ft/yr in Article 15.a, is \$51.48.

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